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FOR USDEL SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: (A) CAIRO 18342, (B) STATE 195565

1. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENCY AND MFA,
WE ARE FINALIZING REVISED VISIT SCENARIO AND EXPECT TO
SEND IT LATER TODAY.

2. WISH FLAG MATTER OF A POSSIBLE SECOND MEETING WITH
SADAT. ALTHOUGH TODAY'S EGYPTIAN PRESS SPECULATES THERE
WILL BE SUCH A SECOND MEETING WITH SADAT AFTERNOON
AUGUST 8, FOLLOWED BY A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE, THE
PRESIDENCY AND MFA INSIST THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN
MADE. EGYPTIANS ARE PLAYING IT A BIT COY. THEY ARE
TAKING POSITION THAT NEED FOR A SECOND SADAT/SECRETARY
MEETING WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL FIRST MEETING, AT WHICH
TIME THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY CAN RKZUGNINSTRUCTION,
SINCE KAMEL HAD EARLIER
SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A SECOND

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MEETING WITH SADAT. I BELIEVE EGYPTIANS DO WANT A
SECOND MEETING (UNLESS FIRST SETTLES EVERYTHING), BUT
ARE DELIBERATELY PLAYING IT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PUR-
POSES IN TERMS OF SECOND MEETING DEPENDING UPON RESULTS
OF FIRST MEETING. IT IS PART OF THEIR SOME "NEW
ELEMENT" GAMBIT. IF A SECOND MEETING TAKES PLACE,
SADAT MIGHT DECIDE TO HAVE IT IN THE AFTERNOON TO

ACCOMODATE THE SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO DEPART EARLIER
OR IT MIGHT BE IN THE EVENING, DEPENDING ENTIRELY UPON
HOW THE PRESIDENT'S FASTING IS AFFECTING HIS STAMINA.

3. ABOVE RAISES CONTINGENCY OF SECRETARY'S DEPARTING
AUGUST 8 AS SUGGESTED REF B. IN THIS CONNECTION,
USDEL SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT HELICOPTERS CAN ONLY BE
USED BETWEEN NUZHA AND GIANACLIS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS
BECAUSE OF POOR LIGHTING AT GIANACLIS. IF AN AFTER DARK
DEPARTURE TIME IS SCHEDULED, THIS WILL MEAN TRAVEL FROM
PALESTINE HOTEL TO GIANACLIS WILL HAVE TO BE BY MOTOR-
CADE, A DRIVE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS.
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER
TO MOVE UP DEPARTURE TIME AFTER THE FIRST MEETING WITH
SADAT ON MONDAY NIGHT. MCCLELLAND

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